REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-36, 38-41, 43-52 and 62 are present in this application. By this amendment, claims 35 and 36 are amended. Claims 21-34, 43-52 and 62 stand withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 35, 38-39 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,022,672 to Ikeda; Claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) over Ikeda in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,723,259 to Oikawa et al.; and Claims 56 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) over Ikeda in view of JP 10-256344 to Tateyama and U.S. Patent No. 5,273,585 to Shoga et al.

Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 35 and 36 would be allowable if amended to recite the features of Claim 42. Accordingly, Claims 35 and 36 are amended to recite the features of Claim 42 previously indicated as allowable. Accordingly, Claims 35, 36, and corresponding dependent claims 38-41 are in condition for allowance.

For at least the reasons set forth above, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

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